

LITERARY NOTES.

Count Tolstoi has just finished an inquiry into social matters, which is to be published soon in English.

A translation of Falckenberg's "History of Modern Philosophy" has been made by Professor Armstrong, of Wesleyan, and will shortly be published by Holt.

The interesting changes and omissions made by Thackeray in the original MS. of his "Roundabout Papers"—which has been presented to Harvard by the novelist's son-in-law, Leslie Stephen—form the subject of an article by Mr. Russell Sullivan in the forthcoming "Scribner."

The book on the Bronte family which Dr. Wright has been preparing will be published in this country by the Appletons.

Mr. W. C. Sydney's two volumes on the English of the eighteenth century are to be followed by a study of the English people during the early decades of the present century.

Mr. John J. Platt, who has not published anything for a long time, has prepared a new volume of verse, which he calls "Little New World Idylls, and Other Poems." He is also about to bring out a new edition of his "Idylls and Lyrics of the Ohio Valley."

James Stillie, the Edinburgh bookseller, who in his youth often carried proofs to Walter Scott at Abbotsford, has just died, in his ninetieth year. He adored Scott, and was one of those employed to copy the novelist's manuscript in order that the secret of his authorship should be maintained. Mr. Stillie was a sharp, dry, old fellow, who knew well most of the Scotch celebrities of his time, and was very frank in discussing them. "Christopher North" he described as "a blitherer, who had no idea of the value of a tradesman's time," and Carlyle as "a cantankerous, close-fisted creature, who thought he ought to be allowed to carry away my entire stock for next to nothing!"

The quaint and tender love-letters which passed between John Winthrop, of Massachusetts, and Margaret, his wife, have been edited by the Rev. Joseph Twichell and included in a volume which is to be brought out by Dodd, Mead & Co. Mr. Twichell has given the title of "Some Old Puritan Love-Letters" to the book.

OFFICIAL TEST OF THE WOOL PROCESS.

THE CHEMIST OF THE HEALTH BOARD REPORTS FAVORABLY TO MAYOR GILROY.

The official analysis made by Dr. Martin, the Health Department chemist, who took samples of water in the West Branches of the Croton River before and after it had been subjected to the new woolen electro-sulfate process, reached Mayor Gilroy yesterday. A sample taken from the river thirty feet above the place where the experiment was in operation was of a dark yellow brown color and of marshy odor. It contained much suspended organic matter in large flocculent masses. In 100,000 parts of water the proportion of chlorine in chlorides was .308 and of sodium chloride, .507. Of nitrogen in nitrites there were .0004 parts and .0025 in nitrates. Of free ammonia there were .0015 parts and of ammonium ammonia, .0230; of organic and volatile acids, 3.00 parts and of mineral matter, 4.20 parts.

The sample taken thirty feet below the purifying point and one from 1,000 feet below it showed a marked improvement in character. The chlorine in chlorides were found to be increased to 2.051 parts and the sodium chloride to 3.380. The dangerous nitrates disappeared entirely, the free ammonia was increased to .022, and the noxious ammonium to .016. The organic and volatile matter were also decreased to 2.40 and mineral matter to 7.00. Improvement was also noticed in color and odor. The Mayor expressed his pleasure at the success shown by the process. He said that the new woolen electro-sulfate process would be applied to every distributing point of the Croton water supply.

YOUNG SMITH HAS HIS DASHING WIFE AGAIN.

Mrs. Nannie Smith, the dashing blonde, who has been languishing in the Yorkville Prison since Sunday on a charge of grand larceny, is a free woman again, as the case against her having been withdrawn. She appeared in court yesterday to answer to J. B. Graham's charge that she snatched \$350 from him last week which he had offered her to go to St. Louis, and never all connections with her boy husband, Benjamin Smith.

Mr. Graham was not present. He was represented by his employer, Mr. Chadwick. Mr. Ross of Howe & Hummel, whom Nannie had retained to defend her, had a quiet talk with her in the pen. Then he stepped over to Mr. Chadwick and whispered hurriedly for a few moments. The consultation seemed to be satisfactory to both, as they smiled at Nannie and assumed that everything would be all right. When the case was called the lawyers stepped forward and asked permission to withdraw the charge. The Court consented, and Nannie, with a flippant toss of her golden locks, walked out of court. The woman's young husband was in court, and had a long talk with her. He seemed devoted, and was happy when the court dismissed the case.

ARRESTED FOR ANNOYING THE GOULDS.

Henry L. Springer, twenty-nine years old, arrived from Chicago on Saturday, and registered at the Grand Union Hotel. According to his story, he is in the real estate business in Chicago. In some of his business negotiations, he says that he had been introduced to George J. and Edwin Gould, sons of Jay Gould, and had met them several times. On the strength of this acquaintance, he determined to seek their influence. He presented himself at the Gould offices, No. 71 Broadway, soon after his arrival on Saturday, and reminded the brothers of their several meetings in the West, and asked them if they could not find him some lucrative employment in one of the many enterprises in which they are engaged. Nothing satisfactory was settled during that visit, and on Monday and Tuesday Mr. Springer repeated his visits and pressed his solicitation for a favorable opening that he might speedily acquire a fortune. The Gould brothers, being used to more deliberate and mature consideration of their plans of operation, were not equal to the occasion, and Springer had again to be put off. He, however, continued in Western free and easy manner to sit around the office waiting for something to turn up.

Yesterday the Goulds grew tired of his presence and telephoned to Police Headquarters complaining of Springer as a nuisance, and asking to have him removed from their office. Detective-Sergeants Hanley and Crowley were sent to their relief and removed the defendant to the Tombs, where he explained the object of his visit to the office and told a national story to Police Justice Martin, who discharged him.

DEMANDS UPON THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE.

At a half-hour session yesterday the Board of Estimate voted \$117,494 of excise funds to city institutions caring for committed children for the months of June and July; \$72,450 for repairing school buildings, and about \$3,500 to pay bills incurred by the city for the Columbian festivites of October, 1892. The request of Commissioner Haffen for \$200,000 for street paving in the Annexed District, including Thirteenth, between One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth, and One-hundred-and-sixty-eighth, was referred to Controller Myers. A letter from the Washington Bridge Commission asking for money to lay out the approaches was similarly disposed of, as were also the plans and specification for the new court house in West Forty-fourth. The sum of \$12,000 to buy Nos. 133, 135 and 137 Madison-ave., for the site of a new building in the Ninth Precinct, Brooklyn, was requested by the Police Board. The subject was referred to the Controller.

THE BANK CLERK KNEW TOO MUCH.

Morris Finkle, of No. 104 Monroe-st., a pedler, was held by Police Justice Martin in the Tombs Court yesterday in \$2,500 to answer a charge of obtaining three checks aggregating \$877.50. Jacob Schnitzer, a real estate broker, of No. 143 Bowery, went to the Union Square Bank on Monday with three checks stolen out of his pocket. They were for \$750, \$100 and \$27.50, respectively. When he arrived at the bank the checks were missing. The one for \$100 was drawn in favor of S. Gordon, whose office is in the same building as Ninkle's bank. An hour after the checks were lost Finkle presented the \$100 one, certified at Ninkle's bank for payment, alight that he was Gordon. The clerk knew this to be untrue, as he was personally acquainted with Gordon, who was called in to face Finkle. Detective-Sergeant Reap arrested the defendant. He then said that a man named Brodsky, living in First-ave., had given him the check.

Ninkle, a number of checks and notes sticking carelessly out of his leather left-hand coat pocket very temptingly in court yesterday, and more than once they were scattered on the floor or fluttered in the air.

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By Prof. E. W. TAUSCH. Shows what tendencies may have caused the recent fall in the price of silver, and discusses the prospects for the monetary use of white metal.

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